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Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, lines 19-23.

[FIG. 17 is a chart showing standard deviation among magneto-resistive elements that have been lapped and ion milled only, in bulk, as compared to a sample of magneto-resistive elements that have been made using the instant invention.

FIG. 18 is a schematic view of a computer system.].

Please add the following paragraph at page 7, line 19:

--FIG 17 is a schematic view of a computer system.--